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**Meets second Friday of each month at 10.30 am
at Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club**

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For the Meeting on Friday 13 October 2017

Speaker's Corner: John Donohoe will talk about his book "Ben Hall Treasure-The search for Bushranger Loot". John who has had a career in sales and marketing, mainly in the chemical and related industries. In mid life, John realised that there were other things in his life that he wanted to try. History, particularly Australian Bushranger History, took him on a journey to uncover and attempt to understand the life and times of Bushranging in the 1860s. Ben Hall particularly stood out as a man of interest who deserved a thorough investigation. John's talk will be on the search for Ben Hall's treasure. (see the attached flyer)

Last month speaker, Ron Humpherson from Chatswood Probuss presented "Seniors v Computers", a *light hearted look at the problems older people have with modern technology*, which was well received by all attending.

Many older people find the way computers are changing the world very confronting and confusing. It is a challenge to keep up with the constant advances in the use of technology. As a result, many are missing out on the benefits that modern technology can offer older people.

Members Meeting Attendance / morning tea fee. In the past, when the RSL provided our meeting room free of charge, the attendance fee of \$4 was to cover the cost of morning tea. Since May the RSL has been charging our Club \$300 for the use of the room plus \$200 for the provision of morning tea. At the Club's last members meeting it was announced that effective from the October meeting, the attendance fee purpose has changed in that it is now payable irrespective as to whether the member has morning tea or not. This would mean that any excess over \$200 would help defray part of the room hire.



Birthdays. We wish a very happy birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthday in October: Trish Dickenson on the 4th, Joy Simmons on the 10th, Lorraine Mousset on the 23rd, Max Cooper on the 25th, and Leslie Roberts and Robert Stocken on the 28th.

Establishment of Interest Groups/Clubs.

As mentioned at previous meetings, we are attempting to form a number of single interest groups. For these types of groups to be successful, they must be run by the members themselves, so we are calling for:

1. Expression of interest in joining a group.
2. Volunteers to act as co-ordinator for the group. This would involve very little work, just to act as a central point of contact and as an arranger of the activity.

Some suggestions that have been made are:

Movie: The Movie Club would get together about once a month to go to a movie theatre.. The co-ordinator would email members information regarding the movie chosen and where and when to meet. Usual cinemas could be, Warringah Mall, Cremorne or The Dendy at the Quay.

Walks: This would meet say once a month. Members walk around interesting parts of Sydney and bring morning tea and lunch.

Dining: Members would meet at a local club/restaurant once a month The purpose of this club would be to enjoy good food and fellowship with other Probus Members.

Book Club: Members would meet once a month to either discuss a book that they have read, or a chosen book that they have all read. The local libraries have a service whereby they will lend a set of approximately 10 of the same book to such clubs.

Computer Club: Members would meet say once a month to learn about the new technology, or to find out answers to problems that they are experiencing.

If any member is willing to act as co-ordinator for any group please or would like to join a group if it is established, please contact Peter Amos on amos5@bigpond.com or telephone 9949 4340.

Tours and Functions are being held every third Wednesday of the month. You are reminded to diarise future dates to ensure your availability to attend all these functions.

Following is the

the program for the rest of the year as organised so far:

Glenn Miller Orchestra. We had twelve members attend the Glenn Miller Show at the State Theatre on Wednesday 13th and all thought the show was great. We had excellent seats in the middle of row A Dress Circle. Hopefully we should be able to attend further shows of interest to members.

The Wharf Revue, Glen Street Theatre 11th October 2017 11.00am. It's on again, more popular than ever! All the 40 allocated seats have been taken up by members and friends and paid for. Tickets will be handed out at the theatre just before the start of the show.

Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford 15th November. Lovely spot on the water and if weather permitting ideal for seating outside. The Water Grill restaurant has meals for about \$30 and we enjoyed them when we last went there. Parramatta ferry from Circular Quay and get off at Abbotsford with a short walk up to the club entrance. Times to be announced later.

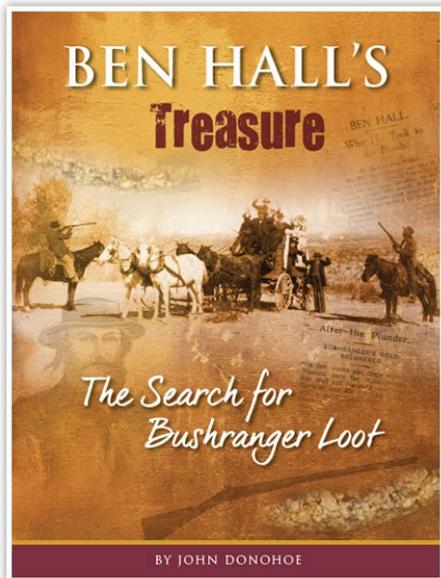
Welfare: Pauline Gazzard and Ray Hamilton have contacted a number of members who have been absent from our monthly meetings to check on their welfare. They will give us an update at the meeting

Did You Know?

“Why dogs have a better sense of smell than us?”

A dog's nose has four times the volume of ours, and while a human nose has about 5 million olfactory cells, some dogs have over 200 millions. A dog's nose is specifically designed for scent detection: they are large and wet, which helps collect and dissolve scent particles. They are wet because dogs can't sweat. Instead they drain fluid out through their nose, which evaporates and this is what makes the nose wet. They cool down also by panting, which causes more evaporation from the nose and that way they lose more heat.

Next month's speaker will be John Donohoe



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The hunt for Ben Hall's Treasure is a result of over four years work in trying to piece out what really happened in those times.

The passion to reveal the mysteries of the past remains.

It is almost universally agreed amongst historians that Ben Hall participated in over 600 robberies in the period from 1862 to 1865. This is also largely confirmed in Police Records of the time. Ben Hall and his gang always stole whatever they could, which included weapons, cash, gold and assorted jewellery, along with the ubiquitous watch-piece.

Although it can be argued that a lot of these ill-gained assets were used-up in rewarding the gang's "bush telegraphs" and harbourers, this was most likely covered in currency payments - the jewellery was often personalised and could be identified. For this same reason, the jewellery could not be easily passed off to a "fence".

So what of the jewellery, watches and gold? The bushrangers could not afford to be weighed down by heavy saddle-bags in the event that they were pursued by the police, so they would have to stash these goods somewhere, at least temporarily.

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